

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, before line 1, insert the following heading:

TITLE OF THE INVENTION:

Page 1, before the paragraph beginning on line 2, insert the following heading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 2 with the following:

The invention pertains to a connecting device for producing articulated connections between successive panels of a sectional door leaf ~~according to the introductory clause of Claim 1.~~

Page 6, before the paragraph beginning on line 20, insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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Page 7, please delete the paragraph beginning on line 6 in its entirety.

Page 13, before the paragraph beginning on line 16, insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

Page 14, before the paragraph beginning on line 9, insert the following:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 5 with the following:

The fastening surface 24b of the hinge flap 24 also has an opening 28 in it, as does the fastening area 18 of the carrier element 10. These openings 18 and 28 are arranged in such a way that, when the fastening area is inserted into the intermediate space shown between the fastening surface 24b and the panel (not shown), they can be brought into alignment with each other, as also illustrated in Figure 2. After they have arrived in this

position, a fastening screw can be passed through the openings 28 and 18 and introduced into the panel which is resting against the contact surface 24a. The carrier element 10 is thus attached very firmly to the connecting element 20. The hinge flap 24 has two additional openings 30, formed between the opening 28 and the joint axis formed by the hinge pin 26. These additional openings allow the hinge flap 24 to be attached to a panel of the sectional door leaf. The hinge flap 22 of the connecting element 20 also has two additional openings 23, each of which is designed as a slot. These openings allow the hinge flap 22 to be attached to the adjacent panel.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 19 with the following:

As can be seen especially clearly in Figure 4, the edges of the outer sidepieces 12 and 14 facing the connecting sidepiece 16 are flanged over toward the inside where the connecting sidepiece 16 does not extend, so that they can be pushed under additional fastening surfaces 32 provided on the hinge flap 24.